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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to fully steady on toms, fully steady to firm on hens. Demand for fresh and frozen whole body turkeys was light to moderate, best for hens. Light sales of whole body turkeys reported to fill in. Offerings generally mixed by region. Bulk parts trading centered on frozen tom drums, balance of items light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Sales centered on frozen thigh meat. Supplies generally light. Sale of whole body toms reported for export at 68 cents East coast port.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 25, 2001**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	74-75	74.05	169	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	68-70	69.13	184	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67.5-69	67.5	67.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	74	74.00	20	77.00	20	NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71.5-74	71.5	71.50	83	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	74	74.07	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	68-69	68.33	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT 26, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.31	73.13	79.30**
CENTRAL REGION	72.46	72.17	79.00
WESTERN REGION	74.00	72.68	79.30**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.53	68.20	74.70**
CENTRAL REGION	68.25	67.75	73.23
WESTERN REGION	68.80**	68.05	74.80**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 29-OCT-2001

		<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	84.49	400	77.18	49
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	84.49	400	77.18	49
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER 443,054*
OCTOBER 1-20, 2001 325,137*

To date 2001 4,196,298*
To date 2000 4,287,081*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>				<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	948	7	22.05	(A)	957 22.05
SATL	840	-1	28.51	(A)	849 28.51
N CENT	2,374	-1	29.07	(A)	2,383 29.07
S CENT	432	7	21.40	(A)	442 21.40
WEST	558	0	24.59	(A)	568 24.59
U.S.TOTAL	5,152(B)	1	26.57	47	5,199 26.57
TO DATE					
2001	201,836(B)			492	202,328
TO DATE					
2000	203,407(B)			1,156	204,563

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 1,890,000; last year to date 1,315,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,089	3,013	50	47	5,199
AVG WT	16.09	33.85	25.39	28.21	26.57
LAST WEEK	1,952	3,087	48	6	5,093
SAME WK YR AGO	2,566	2,971	68	22	5,627
AVG WT	16.01	32.55	24.50	29.08	24.90
TO-DATE/2001	84,152	115,794	1,890	492	202,328
TO-DATE/2000	202,092(A)		1,315	1,156	204,563

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 OCTOBER 2001.

Undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak and frozen was steady at best. Demand slow. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were readily available with some sellers freezing fresh due to a lack of buyer interest. Frozen tom breast meat offerings are available. Destrapped tenderloin offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the limited buyer interest. Wing meat demand was slow to moderate for the light offerings. Offerings of scapula and breast trim meat were light to adequate for buyers needs. Demand on tom drums was slow to instances fair with some sellers lowering their offering prices in an attempt to attract buyer interest. Trading seasonally light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	105.00-106.00		106.00	201
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	136.00-154.00		138.98	121
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	39.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	38.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.50-36.50		36.12	81
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.50-35.00		34.74	41
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00-50.00		49.25	107
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	66
NECKS, HEN	28.00-29.00		28.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	139.50	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	151.50-153.00		151.80	100
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	12
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	69.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	130.00		130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	130.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	149.00-150.00		149.45	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.50		35.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52
TAILS	28.00		28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-17.00		14.93	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, frozen steady to barely steady with lower buyer bids noted. Demand slow on fresh tom breast meat, light on destrapped tenderloins with the best interest noted on fresh, light to instances fair on frozen tom breast meat. Decreased interest was noted on scapula for the light offerings. Thigh meat undertone was steady to fully steady with trading noted for mid-November shipments at higher price levels. The undertone on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was barely steady at best for the light demand. Some fresh 15-20% MST traded at 8 cents delivered pet foods. Bulk parts trading centered on frozen tom drums at the 35-36 cent price level for domestic and export shipments. Fresh tom drums traded at 39 cents delivered domestic and 35 cents delivered export. Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen tom breast meat for domestic and frozen thigh meat for export, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00-103.25		103.13	80	105.36	361
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	138.98	121	138.98	121
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	160	99.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	80	36.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00-36.00		35.29	48	36.08	203
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	39.00	14	39.00	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	36.00		36.00	14	35.42	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	33.00		33.00	14	33.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00		49.00	29	49.20	136
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	14	38.38	223
NECKS, HEN		R	28.50	80	28.59	85
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	400	139.75	800
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	151.50-153.00		152.00	60	157.09	440
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	12	70.00	12
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00-72.00		68.90	290	68.91	350
BREAST TRIM MEAT	130.00		130.00	40	129.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	136.00		136.00	40	138.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	148.00-150.00		149.08	244	149.12	328
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00-82.00		81.51	78	77.61	118
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	80	15.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	20	16.44	360
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-38.00		35.67	240	35.64	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	28.00	104	27.32	248
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	80	15.11	512
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-72.00		69.70	540	69.12	1,224

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